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SUBJECT: WHITE BOOK FOR DEMOCRATIC REFORM

REF: TANGIER 456 (NOTAL)

1. "DEMOCRATIC REFORM" REFORMA DEMOCRATICA- IS POLITICAL PARTY OF MANUEL FRAGA IRIBARNE, INFORMATION AND TOURISM MINISTER AND THEN AMBASSADOR TO UK UNDER FRANCO AND INTERIOR MINISTER IF FIRST POST FRANCO GOVT. HE IS NOT RPT NOT MEMBER OF CURRENT GOVT, BUT IS MOST PROMINENT PARTNER OF ELECTORAL COALITION" ALIANZA POPULAR", VARIOUSLY LABELED CONSERVATIVE, CENTER RIGHT OR RIGHT WING. "WHITE BOOK IS, THEN, WORK OF A SINGLE NON GOVT POLITICAL PARTY IMPORTANT NOT FOR ITS ITS OWN STRENGTH BUT BECAUSE OF FRAGA'S STATURE.

2. REFERENCES TO GIBRALTER INCLUDE PRAISE FOR GOS INITIATIVE IN PLACING PROBLEM BEFORE UN, LAMENT THAT ISSUE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY ALLOWED TO STAGNATE, IDENTIFICATION OF IMPORTANCE OF GOOD RELATIONS WITH MOROCCO BECAUSE OF SPAIN'S "GEOSTREGIC" POSITION, EMPHASIS ON GIBRALTAR'S DEFENSE ROLE, AND RECOGNITION THAT MOROCCO HAS SAME ARGUMENT REGARDING CEUTA AND MELILLA THAT SPAIN HAS RE GIBRALTAR. BOOK CALLS FOR CONTINUED USE OF UN FORUM FOR SPANISH CASE, AND STIPULATES THAT AGREEMENT ON CEUTA AND MELILLA WOULD BE CONDITIONED ON
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"SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION, IN SPAIN'S FAVOR, OF THE GIBRLATAR

PROBLEM".

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